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QUARTERLY MEETING
April 28, 2005 – Kodiak, Alaska

Briefing Paper: ***MULTI-USE FACILITY PROGRAM***
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****ACTION REQUIRED BY COMMISSION****

Issue:

Five million dollars has been earmarked for Commission allocation to multi-purpose community facilities including certain named communities and one region.

Background:

During the previous two fiscal years (FY03 and FY04) the Commission has administered a “Multi-Use Facility Program” based on Congressional direction. To date, the Commission has funded thirteen (13) multi-use facilities throughout the state utilizing \$8.4 million of the Commission’s base funding (Energy & Water appropriation).

Congress recently completed its annual appropriations process and earmarked \$5 million for multi-use facilities from the Commission’s base funding. The actual conference report language from the FY05 Omnibus Appropriations Report (H108-792) reads: “\$5,000,000 is for multi-purpose community facilities including the Bering Straits Region, Dillingham, Moose Pass, Sterling, Funny River, Eklutna, and Anchor Point;...”

In addition, Senator Stevens comments in a Senate speech were recorded in the Congressional Record S12030 on December 8, 2004, and included the following: “*Denali Commission: The committee has provided \$40,000,000 for the Denali Commission for health and social service construction projects. Within the funds made available for clinics, the conferees expect the Commission to provide the necessary funds for a joint clinic-library-community center in Girdwood, Alaska. It may use health funds for the clinic portion of the project and its general funds provided through the Energy and Water bill for the community center and library.*”

Analysis:

There are twenty seven (27) communities identified in the Congressional direction provided for FY 2005 funds. Five million dollars is not enough to address all of the needs in the twenty seven (27) listed communities. In addition, the Commission has been made aware of many additional needs throughout Alaska during the last two fiscal years it has had a Multi-Use Facility Program.

Proposed Strategy:

The criteria used in the past will be used again this year for construction projects. In addition we are proposing a re-design of the program to include planning and design funding. The Commission's baseline policies such as the Investment Policy will guide the planning and design criteria for this year's program. We want to assist in bringing projects to completion, but where appropriate we want to move projects incrementally to their next level.

Fund allocation will be guided by the following criteria:

- Project is included in a comprehensive community plan,
- Project has broad based community and regional support,
- Community and project meet Denali Commission Investment Policy tests.

Additional criteria for construction projects:

- Project is construction-ready,
- Minimum cost share is in hand.

Communities listed above and previous applicants meeting the criteria, will receive priority consideration for FY05 funding. Proposals will be reviewed prior to the April Commission meeting where allocations for multi-use facility projects will be submitted for funding consideration to the full Commission.

Other high priority projects such as previous applicants which were ready to proceed last year with the multi-use portion of their facility but were still in the Commission's primary health clinic program approval process will have an opportunity to apply for FY05 Multi-Use Facility funding, if there are any funds remaining after the earmark community proposals have been processed.

Action to Date:

Letters were sent on December 15, 2004 to community leaders of each of the listed communities and the communities located in the Bering Straits Region outlining the above proposed strategy. The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development has agreed to administer this program on behalf of the Commission and will be allowed 4% for program administration. Alaska Department of Commerce sent a Request for Proposals out in early February 2005 to the 27 communities listed in House Report 108-792 and in the Congressional Record. Replies were due March 18, 2005 and six communities responded by the due date. The applications will be reviewed and scored prior to the April 28, 2005 Commission meeting.

Denali Commission Staff Recommendation:

Commission staff recommends the allocation of the available funding of \$4,712,000 (\$5 million less 0.8% rescission and 5% overhead) for implementation of the 2005 Multi-Use Facility Program.

Sustainability Policy:

Sustainability policy will be applied to the projects being funded.

Investment Policy:

Investment Policy will be applied at the project level.

Action Required:

Pass a motion recommending that the Commission pass Resolution No. 05-13 allocating \$4,712,000 for the Multi-Use Facility program.

Attachment(s):

1. List of previous applicants and communities in FY05 conference report language



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DRAFT - RESOLUTION NO. 05-13

A RESOLUTION ON FUNDING FOR THE MULTI-USE FACILITY PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FY 2005

WHEREAS Congress appropriated \$67 million in funding through the Energy and Water section of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (P.L. 108-447); and

WHEREAS the Conference Report for HR4818 (House Report 108-792) stated that “\$5,000,000 is for multi-purpose community facilities including the Bering Straits Region, Dillingham, Moose Pass, Sterling, Funny River, Eklutna and Anchor Point;...”; and

WHEREAS Senator Stevens provided additional direction to the Denali Commission which was published in the Congressional Record, S12030, December 8, 2004, as follows: “*within the funds made available for clinics, the conferees expect the Commission to provide the necessary funds for a joint clinic-library-community center in Girdwood, AK...*”; and

WHEREAS multi-use facilities can meet a variety of needs in Alaska, and can enhance the delivery of vital community services; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development has agreed to partner with the Commission to deliver this program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission allocate up to \$4,712,000 (\$5 million less 0.8% rescission and 5% overhead) from the Commission’s base funding appropriation for award to the State Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development for Multi-Use Facility projects identified through a request for proposal process and meeting all Denali Commission requirements.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Denali Commission is comprised of seven members (or their duly appointed alternate), of whom _____, consisting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this _____ day of _____, _____, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members, and opposed by _____ members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Signed and dated this _____ day of _____, _____,

Jeffrey B. Staser
Federal Co-Chair

Governor Frank H. Murkowski
State Co-Chair